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Biography

Gilberto Colón

Associate Director/Program Manager - Sun Earth Connections Programs

In July 28, 2002 Mr. Gilberto Colón was appointed to the position of Associate Director for the Sun Earth Connections Programs at Goddard Space Flight Center. In this position he has overall responsibilities for the implementation of the Solar Terrestrial Probes Program and the Living With a Star Program. These programs are charter to study the relationship between our planet and our star, the Sun. He became a member of the Senior Executive Service of the U.S. Federal Government in 2002.

Gil was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 29, 1954. He graduated with a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico in 1979. After graduating from college, Gil worked for 18 months as a Quality Assurance Engineer for the Defense Contract Administration Service in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gil joined NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in December 1980 as a fluid systems engineer. He has an extensive background in mission management and in the design, fabrication and testing of spacecraft and scientific instrumentation. His first job at GSFC was the design, fabrication, and test of the EGRET Gas Replenishment system. The EGRET Instrument flew on the GRO platform in April 1991. From 1986 to 1988 Gil worked as the Systems Engineer for the SHOOT experiment. He was then appointed the Small Explorer SAMPEX Mission Manager in 1989. SAMPEX was successfully launched in July 1992. In October of 1992 Gil joined the TIMED Project as the Instrument Systems Manager. He then joined the Metsat Project (later the POES Program) as the Instrument Systems Manager in the spring of 1994. In 1998 he was promoted to the job of Program Manager for the Solar Terrestrial Probes Program. He is the co-author of several technical publications in the field management of small missions. Gil has received numerous awards including the NASA Medal for Outstanding Leadership in August 2000, and the Equal Employment Opportunity award in 1994 for his work with the minority's communities. Gil and his wife Rosa E. Acevedo live in Olney, Maryland. Rosa is a Procurement Manager at GSFC in the Procurement Operations Division. Gil and Rosa have a fourteen year-old son, Alejandro Gilberto. Gil enjoys playing softball and spending time with his wife and son. In addition, he enjoys working in his yard.



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